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SUBJ: KOREAN AT 30TH UNGA: GREEK POSITION

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1. DCM SPOKE AGAIN WITH FA'S DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS JOHN TZOUNIS AND STRONGLY URGED THAT GREECE MOVE FROM "ABSTENTION" TO "NO" COLUMN WHEN ALGERIAN RESOLUTION WAS CONSIDERED IN PLENARY. HE INFORMED TZOUNIS OF STRONG-ARM TACTICS BEING EMPLOYED BY NORTH KOREA TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR ALGERIAN RESOLUTION, STATED THAT COUNTRIES LIKE GREECE AND US WHICH HAD FOUGHT IN KOREA HAD SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO RESIST DIPLOMACY BY BLACKMAIL AND SAID THAT HE HOPED THAT WITH CYPRUS DEBATE BEHIND THEM THE GREEKS WOULD BE ABLE TO VOTE AGAINST HOSTILE RESOLUTION.

2. TZOUNIS SAID THAT FOLLOWING HIS LAST TALK WITH DCM ON KOREA (REF C) HE HAD DISCUSSED QUESTION WITH BITSIOS. GREEK POSITION REMAINED THE SAME AND TZOUNIS WAS CONVINCED THAT SAME CONSIDERATIONS UNDERLYING GREEK ABSTENTION ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION BEFORE CYPRUS VOTE WOULD REMAIN AFTER IT. HE SAID
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HOWEVER THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE UP THE MATTER AGAIN

WITH BITSIOS AND SUGGESTED THAT DCM SEND HIM BRIEF NOTE MENTIONING NORTH KOREAN PRESSURE TACTICS. HE WOULD USE THIS NOTE AS REASON FOR HAVING ONE MORE SHOT AT BITSIOS.

3. DCM SAID WE WOULD TRANSMIT AIDE MEMOIRE TO TZOUNIS TOMORROW MORNING. IN PARTING TZOUNIS CAUTIONED DCM AGAINST ENTERTAINING HOPES THAT GREEK POSITION COULD BE CHANGED.
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